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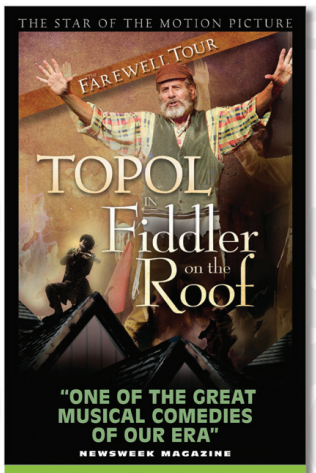

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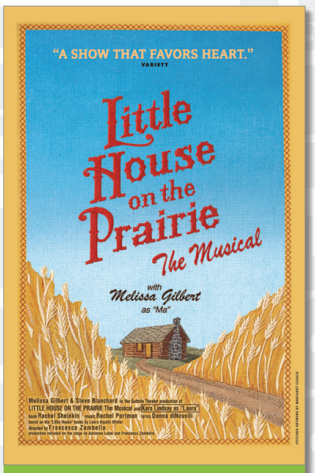

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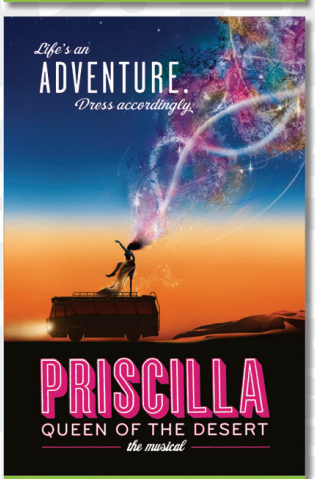

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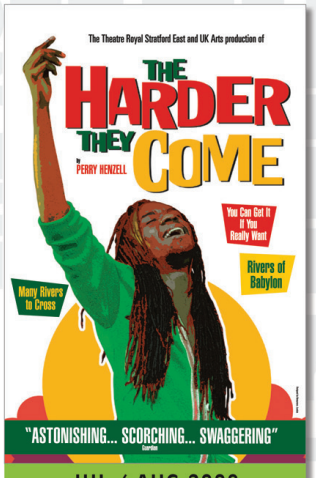

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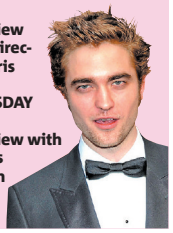

HEATHER BUCHAN FOR METRO TORONTO

A family strolls through High Park's hillside garden Saturday. It was your top lovable pick for the city.

5 things to love

Your top Toronto happy pick: High Park's natural high

HEATHER BUCHAN
for Metro Toronto

We asked you to tell us what about Toronto makes you happy. Your No. 1 choice: High Park, widely considered to be the jewel of Toronto's vast park system because of its sheer size and variety of offerings.

Not only does High Park provide Torontonians with 399 acres of green space to explore, but it serves as a community gathering spot, where families come to picnic on the grassy areas, friends meet for coffee at the Grenadier Teahouse & Café, couples stroll through the Hillside Gardens, children fish along the banks of Grenadier Pond and joggers tread the wilderness paths.

Dating back to 1836, when John George Howard, an architect and land surveyor for the City of Toronto, bought the land for $1,000 to use as a sheep farm, High Park was named so because it was the highest point along the Humber Bay shoreline.

In 1873, Howard conveyed the property to the city with one condition: The park be "for the free use, benefit and enjoyment of citizens of Toronto forever."

That's precisely how it's been preserved. Over the years, a small zoo, the Animal Paddocks, was built, where families come to check out the resident llamas, peacocks, bison, deer and sheep — as well as playgrounds like the Jamie Bell Adventure Playground, a public swimming pool and other recreational offerings.

The park also attracts bird enthusiasts, who head to Grenadier Pond.

No matter how rapidly Toronto's skyline changes, this one protected space will remain as it is for the enjoyment of all Torontonians.

Four more reasons to smile

- Toronto Vegetarian Association: This local charity, founded in 1945, offers information, advice and support to vegetarians and holds North America's largest veggie food fair.
- Archcape Wychwood Barns: These onetime TTC streetcar repair buildings were converted last year into a 60,000-square-foot community centre of artist studios, gardens, and event spaces.
- Silverstein's Bakery: The family-owned bakery not only provides restaurants across southern Ontario with the freshest breads, but also for anyone to buy single loaves right out of its ovens.
- Toronto Public Library: With 99 branches across Toronto and bookmobiles serving communities without access, it's the largest public library system in North America.

Sunny Side

Lack of notice raises residents' ire on GO line

CONSTRUCTION Residents in Toronto's West Diamond area, already shaken and stirred from their homes by pile driving on the Georgetown rail corridor, were furious when they heard construction was going to continue over the weekend in their neighbourhood.

But the dull hum of machinery and trucks yesterday was nothing like the constant hammering residents endure during the week, they said.

"We were given two days notice and people need more time." Darryl Sherwin

"To be honest, it's not been that bad this weekend," said Darryl Sherwin, whose Hook Avenue home backs on to the tracks. "It's more of an issue of notice. We were given two days notice and people need more time than that to make plans."

GO, which owns the rail line, has contracted CN to build a track diversion so when grade separations for the existing tracks are built there will be somewhere else for the trains to run.

Work on that aspect of the project began this past weekend.

It is "likely" that more work will be done on weekends and evenings in the future, said GO spokesperson Vanessa Thomas.

But weather, manpower and scheduling work around commuter and freight service makes it difficult to predict months in advance when isolated night or weekend work will take place, she said.

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Blaze leads to pot bust
An early morning blaze at a farm in Bradford West Gwillimbury led South Simcoe police to a grow op with 2,300 marijuana plants yesterday. Two 40-year-old men were arrested. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

Caritas Project founder steps down

Father Gianni Carparelli, left, founder of the Caritas Project drug rehabilitation program, is stepping down after having helped hundreds of people put their lives back on track. Carparelli started Caritas in the 1980s after a mother sought help for her heroin-addicted son. The program, with an annual budget of about $1.2 million, has grown to include four residences, and an 80-acre farm in King City.
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'Tainted' jury panel given the boot

Two sets of potential jurors totalling 240 people have been dismissed at Barrie's courthouse amid allegations that the Crown is using improper means to vet them.

Defence lawyer Mitchell Worsoff applied last week to have two "tainted" lists of these potential jurors scrapped on the basis that the candidates were subject to secret background checks that violate not only their privacy but Canadian law.

Crown prosecutor Karen McCleave did not concede that the lists are improper. "The Crown in no way concedes the merit of the application," McCleave told Superior Court Justice John McIsaac.

McCleave did consent to the withdrawal of the two lists, but only, she said, because the issue had been the subject of published reports.

The lists contain personal handwritten comments on some potential jurors.

240 The number of jurors who were dismissed from a Barrie courtroom this week.

Beside their names are such handwritten notes as: "suicidal in 2001," or "Ongoing neighbour dispute — neighbour shot his cat" or "Witness to parent's domestic dispute. Dad is a drinker and assaultive to her mother."

Other notations indicate that some prospective jurors have Highway Traffic Act convictions or have been charged, but not convicted, of other offences.

Many names had the note "ok" beside them, presumably signifying that they are acceptable.

Attorney-General Chris Bentley criticized the use of such lists last week and vowed that the wide-ranging background checks would stop.

Brendan Crawley, a spokesperson for the Attorney-General's ministry, said such lists are no longer in use. He did not respond to a follow-up call and email asking why the Barrie Crown was openly using them this week.

Critics have blasted the use of such wide-ranging background searches as an invasion of privacy.

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TTC driver faces sexual assault charge

CRIME A TTC bus driver has been charged with sexually assaulted a passenger after allegedly trapping her in a private room at Kipling subway station.

Following an investigation that began last Monday, police are reporting that a 54-year-old woman started a conversation with the 61-year-old bus driver while en route to Kipling station.

Arrested

• Toronto police arrested Richard Hemphill, of Toronto, Friday.

Upon arriving at the station, the woman continued to talk to the driver as they approached a TTC employees-only room at the end of the bus bay.

Once in the room, the driver allegedly sexually assaulted the woman and didn't allow her to exit until she gave him her phone number.

There are also allegations that the bus driver has repeatedly called the victim since the attack.

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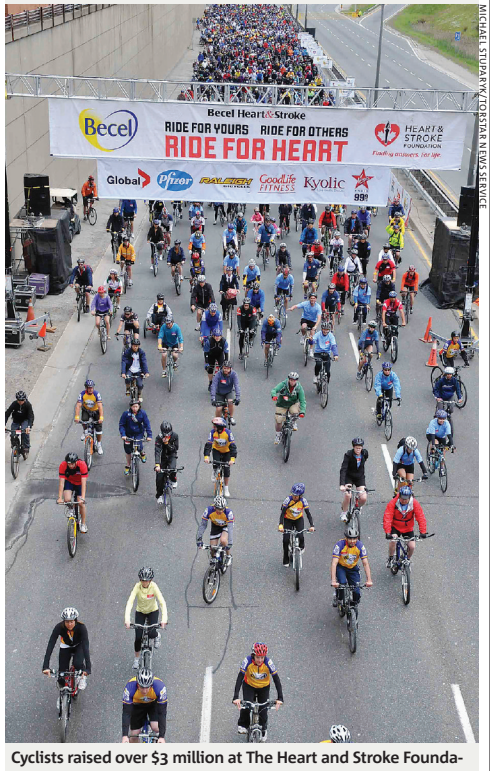
Cyclists **Ride for Heart**



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Cyclists raised over $3 million at The Heart and Stroke Foundation 22nd Annual Ride for Heart. About 13,000 participants rode along the Gardiner Expressway and up the Don Valley Parkway yesterday to help support medical advancements in the treatment of heart disease and stroke.

Toronto Fire slower on response: Probe

INVESTIGATION When the Sunrise Propane explosion rocked the city last summer, it was more than nine minutes before the first Toronto Fire Services pumper truck made it to the blast site, just over two kilometres from the station house.

On Caledonia Road in the winter of 2008, firefighters arrived late, after police and ambulance, 10 minutes or more after a neighbour called 9-1-1. A father and two children died in the blaze. The North American standard for urban firefighting states it should take six minutes or less from emergency call for the first pumper to arrive at a fire.

Toronto's problem, a Torstar News Service investigation found, is the antiquated, poorly run Toronto Fire Services dispatch system that sometimes wastes precious minutes after a call comes in. The computer system requires dispatchers to take too many steps to process calls: To manage resources dispatchers must rely on a magnetic board with round fridge magnets representing fire trucks.

Fire dispatch

• The Toronto Fire dispatch centre is located in a tired industrial complex at Dufferin Road and Finch Avenue. The dispatch centre uses a computer system designed for police but altered to handle fire calls

Fire Chief Bill Stewart and communications division chief Vera Maute said the fire service does a good job handling more than 142,000 calls a year. They said a consultant's review into improving "efficiencies" of the dispatch system is underway, with a report expected this fall.

In the investigation of the dispatch system, records showed that, in most cases, the time it takes Toronto Fire Services to process an emergency call and get firefighters to the scene is at least a minute longer than the six-minute standard. And that number doesn't account for when the 9-1-1 call was placed.

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Reading down: Report

Study shows Grade 6 students enjoy reading less

Less than half of Ontario's Grade 6 students say they like to read — a number that has dropped dramatically over the last decade.

Even among younger students in Grade 3, just 59 per cent enjoy reading, down from 76 per cent over the same time period, according to provincial data.

These are startling statistics that need attention, says advocacy group People for Education, which is releasing its annual tracking report today. There's no clear answer as to why — Do they just dislike novels? Do Grade 6 students actually like anything at all? — but executive director Annie Kidder wonders if intense pressure is the reason.

67 People for Education noted the number of students who believe they are good readers has increased to 67 per cent today from 55 per cent in 1998.

"In England, there's a worry that because the focus is on literacy that is a very narrow definition of the word — the mechanics of reading — that a love of reading is not being engendered," said Kidder.

People for Education Prof. David Booth called Grade 6 in particular "a strange world; they don't like anything."

He believes there's no need to worry about today's youth — "they all read for pleasure, but it's onscreen."

"No one has read as much or written as much as kids today."

People for Education's tracking report calls on the government for a "renewed vision" of education. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Woofstock **Bride and groom**

ANDREW WILLIAMSON/FOR METRO TORONTO

Sandra Parker and her cavalier King Charles spaniel named Shelby, left, and Maria Metherell and her papillon named Coquette won best dressed "bride and groom" yesterday at the kickoff to Woofstock at the King Edward Hotel. Woofstock runs next weekend from June 13-14 in the St. Lawrence Market neighbourhood.

Found change sending Toronto kids to camp

Sunny Side

GENEROUS Every so often, Toronto's kids receive a cup of kindness.

It comes in the form of pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, loonies and toonies found on the ground by Dr. Jaanus Marley and his wife, Reet, during evening constitutionals in their Beach neighbourhood.

Instead of pocketing the found change, the couple collects it in a big old brown coffee cup and, when it runneth over, donates it to the Fresh Air Fund.

And every penny counts.

"We give to the Fresh Air Fund because the money is found while we're walking in the fresh air," the general practitioner said of the contribution.

Over the years, he and his wife have donated several hundred dollars to the camp fund. If the cup is full by winter, the Marleys offer its contents to the Toronto Star's Santa Claus Fund.

"In some customs, giving away found money is good luck," Marley said.

It certainly is for Greater Toronto's disadvantaged children. Thanks to donors like the Marleys, kids can still be kids by attending one of 106 camps supported by the Fresh Air Fund, regardless of their family's income. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Police search for stabbing suspects

CRIME Police are trying to piece together what led to two men being injured — one seriously — in Etobicoke early yesterday morning.

Officers were called to a highrise apartment complex on Dixon Road, just east of Kipling Avenue, shortly before 5 a.m. by someone who heard gunshots.

In the lobby of the building they found a badly wounded man. He was rushed to Sunnybrook Hospital in serious condition, but it's not known whether he was shot or stabbed.

A second man, with a stab wound to his arm, was found nearby. His injuries aren't considered serious.

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Vets honoured at 65th anniversary

Canada's Second World War veterans were honoured Saturday during a ceremony at Queen's Park marking the 65th anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. Retired Maj.-Gen Richard Rohmer, Brig.-Gen. John Collin and other dignitaries joined hundreds of veterans to remember the courage and sacrifice of Canadian soldiers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Signs of trouble found in Grade 1

Report says more than 40,000 suspensions were in elementary

The road to being thrown out of school is paved by missed opportunities for early intervention, a limited curriculum and poor teacher training.

That's the consensus of educators, parents and students concerned about a school system that suspended 112,829 pupils in Ontario in 2006-07, the most recent data available. Another 1,889 students were expelled. The number of suspensions issued was almost twice as high — 201,224. Many students are being suspended multiple times, which suggests problems are snowballing.

What's clear is that teachers and principals spot signs of trouble as early as Grade 1. It's common, teachers say, for elementary students to divert attention from literacy or numeracy problems by acting out — from being the class clown to confronting teachers.

Kevin Battaglia, principal of the Toronto District School Board's programs for suspended and expelled students, recalls witnessing one Grade 6 child, who was struggling academically, become a deft shoplifter. "We all have a need to be good at something," he says.

The ministry's figures show that 42 per cent of all suspensions in 2006-07 — 42,292 students — were from the elementary grades. Of expelled students, 14 per cent — 263 — were in elementary school.

Melanie Parrack, the TDSB's executive superintendent of programs, says the board is making "a concerted effort to focus interventions earlier." But more money is needed, she says, for social workers, youth workers, psychologists and teaching assistants.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Fireguy **Blazing busker**

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Toronto-based busker Fireguy entertains the crowd on opening night of Dundas International Buskerfest in Hamilton Friday.

Secret Simcoe deal goes before municipal board

Without waiting for a Simcoe County growth plan to be completed, the province is appearing before the Ontario Municipal Board today to finalize a secretly negotiated deal with developers and municipal officials for a massive employment zone along Highway 400 in Bradford West Gwillimbury.

It comes just four days after the province announced its strategy for growth in the region, north of the Greenbelt, that includes a study of a second major employment zone on another stretch of the highway, further north in Innisfil.

It puts the province in the curious position of pushing for the approval of the Bradford deal with Metrus, Geranium and other landholders, done without any studies or consultation, while apparently seeking public input for the rest of its growth strategy.

Critics of the deal, including Environmental Defence, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Bond Head Bradford West Gwillimbury Residents for Responsible Development, Campaign Lake Simcoe and the NDP, say the process should be adjourned until a complete vision for regional growth emerges.

"It is your obligation to demonstrate ... that we all have a meaningful say in planning growth in Simcoe."
Rick Smith

"It is your obligation to demonstrate to the public, farmers, municipalities and other developers that we all have a meaningful say in planning growth in Simcoe," wrote Rick Smith, executive director of Environmental Defence, in a letter to deputy premier and infrastructure minister George Smitherman, who handles the growth file

Smith and others fear it marks the beginning of unchecked sprawl from the Holland Marsh to Barrie.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

FATALITY Police have identified two men killed during a shooting at a packed party in Brampton that left six others wounded. Investigators believe more than 100 people were at the party when Terrence Elliott Hughes, 40, of Toronto, and Garth Nicholas Palmer, 29, also from Toronto, were fatally shot early Saturday. Police say after the shots were fired most of the people at the party fled before officers got to the scene. Homicide detectives have launched an appeal to speak with everyone who was at the party, saying it's important even if potential witnesses don't think they have any information to offer.

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Peace Bridge customs facility getting $1M in upgrades

The federal government says it's planning to invest $1 million to improve the Canadian customs facility at the Peace Bridge in Fort Erie, Ont. The bridge links Canada to the United States at Buffalo, N.Y. The Peace Bridge is the third-busiest Canada-U.S. commercial truck crossing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Feds consider closing border crossing

The federal public safety minister says a border crossing in eastern Ontario might be shut permanently unless aboriginals accept a decision to arm border guards. Peter Van Loan, left, says the government is examining all options, including moving the port of entry that now links Cornwall and Massena, N.Y. The Seaway International Bridge, which spans the St. Lawrence River, handles about 2.4 million passengers annually.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Are Afghan kids safe?

Report says violence against children is being ignored

The trafficking and sexual exploitation of children in Afghanistan is a growing concern, Canada's Foreign Affairs Department was told in a confidential human rights report prepared by senior officials.

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An Afghan boy and a Canadian soldier watch yesterday as a flock of sheep passes near Kandahar City. Human rights groups say the exploitation of children is a growing problem in Afghanistan.

The illegal marriage of underage girls and the sexual abuse of young boys is commonplace, warned the Afghanistan Human Rights Report obtained by The Canadian Press under access-to-information laws.

"Sexual violence is commonly reported but remains difficult to verify," said the partially censored review, written last summer.

The red flag was penned around the same time Canadian military police began investigating public complaints that soldiers and their commanders had turned a blind eye to the rape of young boys by Afghan troops and police at a forward operating base. The military's National Investigative Unit has been unable to verify the allegations.

A second, procedural investigation by the Canadian military continues and is expected to table its findings within weeks.

The Foreign Affairs analysis cited a Geneva-based human-rights group in its warning about children.

"According to the International Organization for Migration, trafficking in children is a problem in Afghanistan and the majority of the children trafficked are boys who are trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation and forced labour," said the report.

Figures indicated 57 per cent of Afghan marriages involved girls under the legal age of 16. Many of those unions are arranged marriages, where the girls are sometimes used to pay off family debts and those who disobey become the victims of so-called honour killings.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ousted health exec to get buyout

SCANDAL The top executive at eHealth Ontario will receive compensation after being removed from her position amid a scandal over $5 million in untendered contracts and questionable spending, Ontario Health Minister David Caplan confirmed yesterday.

Sarah Kramer

Caplan said he acted immediately on the eHealth board's request to revoke Sarah Kramer's appointment as eHealth's president and CEO, but couldn't immediately say how much money she will receive.

"I know that they did come to an agreement, but I don't have those details," he said in an interview.

Caplan pointed out that when Eleanor Clitheroe was fired as CEO of Hydro One, she launched a multi-million-dollar lawsuit against the government.

"I can understand the difficulty in addressing it, but I think what I'm focused on is ensuring that we do get the corporation moving, get the momentum back on delivering the eHealth products and the infrastructure that are going to be important to transforming health care," Caplan added.

Kramer and the board came to a "mutual agreement" over the weekend that she must leave the organization — an important step to restore public confidence in the agency, he said.

Caplan has faced repeated calls for his resignation over questionable spending and expenses at eHealth, which included allowing consultants who were paid up to $2,700 a day to bill taxpayers extra for minor purchases like tea and snacks. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Grits set to back Tory crime bill

DRUGS Liberal MPs are set to give the Conservative government help tonight in passing tough, drug-crime legislation, despite the risk of a backlash at the party grassroots.

Under the bill, soon to be law, people convicted of serious drug crimes will automatically face prison terms of six months or longer. The legislation is particularly tough on any offender who traffics drugs or gets young people involved in drug crimes.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

New ambassador excited for the job

POLITICS Canada's incoming ambassador is delighted about his new job, says the man who's been advising Chicago lawyer David Jacobson for months due to his own experience in the same position.

"Like me, he asked for it — it wasn't just a process of elimination; he identified it as the one assignment he really wanted, so he's thrilled," Gordon Giffin, the U.S. ambassador to Canada from 1997 to 2001, said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Pigs culled over flu fears

A central Alberta pig farmer whose animals were quarantined after it was discovered they were infected with influenza A (H1N1), also known as the swine flu, has voluntarily culled his entire herd, according to an industry organization. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mayors back shutting out U.S. bidders

Canadian municipalities hope they are helping the federal government make a case against the Obama administration's "Buy American" policy, passing a resolution Saturday that would potentially shut out U.S. bidders from city contracts.

Delegates at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference narrowly passed the resolution 189-175.

Support from cities and towns will help strengthen Prime Minister Stephen Harper's hand as he lobbies the U.S. for relief from the "Buy American" provisions in U.S. President Barack Obama's stimulus bill, said Sherbrooke Mayor Jean Perrault, president of the FCM.

"This U.S. protectionist policy is hurting Canadian firms, costing Canadian jobs and damaging Canadian efforts to grow in the worldwide recession," Perrault said at the conference in Whistler, B.C.

The resolution would have the FCM support cities that want to develop procurement policies that would bar bids from companies whose countries impose trade restrictions with Canada,

In order to appease some members concerned about the impact of a retaliatory policy, delegates also voted to hold off on any action for 120 days.

With Canadian municipalities already contracting for about $15 billion a year in capital projects and promises of significant federal stimulus spending on infrastructure to come, it could potentially have a significant impact on American companies if a lot of Canadian cities adopted anti-U.S. procurement policies.

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Vancouver **Whale gives birth**

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Aurora, a 21-year-old Beluga whale, swims with her calf yesterday after giving birth at the Vancouver Aquarium. The calf is the second whale to be born at the aquarium during the past year. Last June, Aurora became a grandmother when her daughter, Qila, gave birth to a calf named Tiqa. Aurora gave birth to Qila in 1995.

News in brief

REACTOR The price tag for nuclear specialists will be in the millions if one of Atomic Energy of Canada's rivals wins an Ontario reactor bid, documents show. That's because Canada's nuclear safety watchdog lacks expertise in the type of reactors made by AECL's competitors and will have to pay big bucks to bring in specialists if one of them wins. The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission estimates it will cost up to $29 million for light-water experts to review licence applications from firms that build that kind of technology. It's the first time a dollar amount has been put on that expertise. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Execution may loom for Canadian

DEATH ROW After a quarter-century of legal battles and last minute reprieves the appeals of a Canadian fighting the death penalty in Montana are starting to dry up.

Lawyers for convicted double murderer Ronald Smith were before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit earlier this spring, arguing the Red Deer, Alta., man didn't have effective counsel when he pleaded guilty in 1983 and that the death penalty wasn't warranted in the case.

Smith is currently the only Canadian on death row in the United States.

He was convicted in 1983 of murdering two cousins, Harvey Madman Jr. and Thomas Running Rabbit, during a drug and alcohol fuelled spree in Montana the year before.

At first, Smith refused a plea deal that would have given him a life sentence. Three weeks later, he pleaded guilty and asked for a death sentence. He got it.

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Famed journalist to be honoured

Tomorrow, the Canadian Journalism Foundation will honour the former CBC foreign correspondent Joe Schlesinger, right, with its lifetime achievement award. Schlesinger, 81, has had a long, illustrious career: globe-trotting through Europe and Asia and surviving war zones. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Prince Edward, the Earl of Wessex and Honourary Colonel of the Saskatchewan Dragoons, smiles as he talks with cadets following a military service in Calgary yesterday. The prince attended the service to hand out awards and review local cadets during his visit to Calgary.

Prince honours Canadian youth

AWARDS Prince Edward focused his attention on Canada's youth yesterday and his enthusiasm for the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Awards is bringing benefits to students even in Canada's North.

Edward — the Earl of Wessex, the Queen's youngest son and seventh in line to the throne — handed out 100 gold medals as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards at a ceremony in Calgary yesterday morning.

The awards, started by his father Prince Philip in the 1950s, are designed to stimulate and encourage self-reliance and discipline, perseverance and determination, initiative and creativity, community responsibility, and fitness of body and mind.

"When you leave this room a little bit later, just feel a little bit proud of what you've actually managed to achieve," said Prince Edward in his remarks to the winners.

"Just walk a few inches taller because you've got that, you've done it and you'll know there are lots of friends who say, the Duke of Edinburgh Awards — well, I could do that. The difference is you know you can. Well done."

The prince acknowledged the awards are Canada's "best kept secret" and often fly under most people's radar. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lennikov could have a long wait

Sanctuary stays getting long, report says

As former Soviet KGB employee Mikhail Lennikov settles into his new home at a Vancouver church to avoid deportation, another pastor who's witnessed the sanctuary experience first hand has some advice: Keep busy.

Research by a Canadian authority on sanctuary suggests Lennikov, who was to be deported to Russia last Wednesday after 12 years in Canada, could be calling Vancouver's First Lutheran Church home for a long time.

"He needs to find as many things as possible to occupy his time and his energies," says Rev. John Marsh, who sheltered Iranian refugee Amir Kazemian in his Anglican church in Vancouver for almost three years.

"You've got a lot of time on your hands."

The 50 previous sanctuary cases in Canada since 1983, involving about 300 people in all, have averaged about 10 months, according to figures compiled by Prof. Randy Lippert of the University of Windsor.

But the 11 cases in the period 2005-2008 have averaged about 655 days — almost two years.

But Lippert's figures suggest chances have diminished that the government will change its mind about Lennikov as a security threat.

Up to the end of 2003, 73 per cent of sanctuary incidents ended with the refugee being allowed to stay in Canada or return after leaving briefly to reapply for entry. That's dropped to 57 per cent in the seven cases resolved since January 2005.

"Essentially, it has been successful until more recently," says Lippert, author of the book Sanctuary, Sovereignty, Sacrifice, published in 2006.

Lippert says the figures, from an article to be published soon in the journal Refuge, suggest the government is more prepared to wait out sanctuary seekers.

The idea of a fugitive taking refuge in a holy place goes back to ancient times and is found in many cultures, including First Nations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A safety threat?

- Mikhail Lennikov was ruled inadmissible because he admitted to being a low-level member of the KGB in the 1980s. He claimed he was pressured into joining and did little more than Japanese translation.

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New Orleans mayor quarantined in China

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin, left, has been quarantined in Shanghai after possible exposure to influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, after travelling on a plane to China with a person who is being treated for symptoms of the virus. CNN reports Nagin has no signs of the illness. METRO NEWS SERVICES

World

Cinema back in Saudi Arabia

For the first time in three decades, Saudis did something that most people in other countries take for granted — went to the movies. Saturday's screening of the Saudi film, Menahi, brought a taste of the moviegoing experience to Riyadh more than 30 years after the government began shutting down theatres. Men and children, including girls up to 10, were allowed to attend the show at a government-run cultural centre. Young male organizers of the event manned a checkpoint on the road leading to the gated centre so no women could reach the theatre. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Europe takes a right turn

Conservatives raced toward victory in some of Europe's largest economies yesterday as initial results and exit polls showed voters punishing left-leaning parties in European parliament elections in France, Germany and elsewhere.

Some right-leaning parties said the results vindicated their reluctance to spend more on company bailouts and fiscal stimulus amid the global economic crisis.

Right-leaning governments were ahead of the opposition in Germany, France, Italy and Belgium, while conservative opposition parties were leading in Britain and Spain.

Greece was the exception, where the governing conservatives were headed for defeat in the wake of corruption scandals and economic woes.

Germany's Social Democrats headed to their worst showing in a nationwide election since the Second World War. Four months before Germany holds its own national election, the outcome boosted conservative Chancellor Angela Merkel's hopes of ending the tense left-right "grand coalition" that has led the European Union's most populous nation since 2005.

Britain, Ireland, the Netherlands and five other EU nations cast ballots over the last three days, while the rest of the 27-na-tion bloc voted yesterday.

An EU estimate showed that only 43 per cent of 375 million eligible voters cast ballots in European parliament elections, a record low amid widespread disenchantment with the continentwide legislature.

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Britain elects extreme-right member

- Britain has elected its first extreme-right politician to the European Parliament. Results announced yesterday showed the British National Party has won a seat in northern England. The far-right party does not accept non-whites as members.

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A Lebanese woman after voting in Beirut yesterday.

Brown's minister warns dissidents

BRITAIN A top deputy to British prime minister Gordon Brown yesterday warned legislators seeking his ouster to end their rebellion. Business secretary Peter Mandelson urged dissidents to think of the consequences of an ugly Labour party leadership battle. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Daycare death toll rises to 40

FIRE Grieving parents buried their children yesterday after a devastating daycare fire killed 40 infants and toddlers in a tragedy that stunned Mexico and prompted its president to promise a thorough investigation.

Funeral processions drove slowly to churches in the northwestern city of Hermosillo decorated with balloons and flowers.

Mexican President Felipe Calderon arrived in the northwestern city late Saturday to console the injured. He wished surviving children a speedy recovery and promised families full support and a thorough investigation into the cause of a tragedy that he said all Mexicans felt.

"I want to say to the mothers and fathers of the little ones who died that we share their profound sadness," Calderon said earlier in the day.

The death toll rose to 40 after two children died in hospitals, according to Sonora state health secretary Raymundo Lopez Vucovich. The fire initially spread from an adjoining tire and car warehouse to the roof of the ABC Daycare and sent flames raining down on the young children. Fire officials still don't know how it started.

Some of the children had third-degree burns, according to the Hermosillo fire department official. Thirty-three remain hospitalized, 23 of them in Hermosillo, including 15 who are in critical condition, Lopez said. One of them is brain dead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Coalition declares win over Hezbollah

Lebanon's pro-Western coalition declared victory late yesterday, as local television stations reported the faction had successfully fended off a serious challenge by the Shiite militant group Hezbollah and its allies to grab the majority in parliament.

Official results for yesterday's election were not expected until later today, but the winners were already celebrating by shooting in the air, setting off fireworks and driving around in honking motorcades.

The election was an early test of U.S. President Barack Obama's efforts to forge Middle East peace. A win by Hezbollah would have boosted the influence of its backers Iran and Syria and risked pushing one of the region's most volatile nations into international isolation and possibly into more conflict with Israel.

"I present this victory to Lebanon," Prime Minister Fuad Saniora said on television after stations projected his pro-Western coalition was winning.

"It is an exceptional day for democracy in Lebanon."

OTV, the television station of one of Hezbollah's key Christian allies, former army chief Michel Aoun, conceded the party's candidates who challenged pro-Western competitors in several Christian districts had been defeated, preventing a victory for the Hezbollah coalition.

Hezbollah had veto power in Saniora's cabinet for the last year, which it won after provoking the worst street clashes since the 1975-90 civil war.

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News in brief

MIDDLE EAST A Palestinian woman could face the death penalty after prosecutors charged her with spying for Israel, said court officials yesterday. Palestinian men have been convicted of collaborating with Israel, but few women have been charged before. Palestinian prosecution said it plans to ask for her execution, though death penalties are rarely carried out. Court officials told The Associated Press that the 22-year-old woman worked as a collaborator after obtaining a divorce from her husband, who forced her to work as a prostitute. Palestinian military judge Abdul Karim al-Masri said the woman confessed to passing low level information and refused a lawyer. "She didn't hurt anybody except herself," he said. The issue of collaborators is sensitive, because Palestinian militants have been arrested or killed by Israeli forces based on their information.

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U.S. may put North Korea on terror list
The U.S. is considering adding North Korea back to a list of state sponsors of terrorism, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Crash victims found

17 bodies recovered so far from 'sea of debris'

Search ships methodically worked through a "sea of debris" from a doomed Air France jet yesterday, recovering 15 more bodies near the spot where the Airbus A330 is believed to have gone down a week ago.

Two bodies were recovered Saturday, and Brazilian and French ships picked up 15 more yesterday afternoon after pilots participating in a grid search reported additional sightings. The bodies have been found in an area about 70 kilometres from where the jet sent out messages signalling electrical failures and loss of cabin pressure.

Investigation

- The investigation is increasingly focused on whether external instruments may have iced over, confusing speed sensors and leading computers to set the plane's speed too fast or slow — a potentially deadly mistake.

"We're navigating through a sea of debris," Brazilian Navy Capt. Giucemar Tabosa Cardoso said.

Brazil's military was not releasing detailed information about bodies or debris that have not been taken aboard ships, after sea trash was mistaken last week for a cargo pallet from the plane, prompting criticism.

Flight 447 disappeared and likely broke up in midair in turbulent weather May 31 during a flight from Rio de Janeiro to Paris with 228 people aboard — all now presumed dead. Brad Clemes, 49, of Guelph was among the passengers.

France is leading the investigation into the cause of the crash, and will try to recover the plane's black box data and voice recorders, which could reveal why the jet crashed.

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20 Taliban, 4 police killed in Afghan battles

KABUL A joint Afghan and U.S.-led coalition operation against insurgents in southern Afghanistan killed more than 20 Taliban fighters yesterday, while a militant ambush in the northwest killed four policemen, officials said.

The battle, involving ground and air strikes, killed more than 20 Taliban, said provincial police Chief Abdul Rahman Sarjung. After the operation, a roadside bomb exploded and killed one Afghan policeman as the forces were returning to base, he said.

Elsewhere, militants attacked a police post in Faryab province, sparking a one-hour battle that killed four police.

Another Taliban attack in the eastern province of Paktika killed the police chief in Sarhawza district, while militants elsewhere in Paktika ambushed a truck of private security guards, killing four of them. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Deadly landslide buries homes, plant in China

A landslide buried an iron ore plant and several homes in a valley in southwestern China, killing 26 people and leaving dozens missing, state television reported Saturday. CCTV reported that 19 miners and seven staff from a mobile phone company were killed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Acapulco hit by shootout

Soldier, 15 gunmen killed in 2-hour standoff as tourists hide

Mexican soldiers fought a two-hour battle with heavily armed men holed up at a house in an Acapulco hotel zone, killing 15 of the gunmen as tourists cowered in their rooms nearby.

One soldier was killed and the wounded included three soldiers and three bystanders. Several Mexican tourists were evacuated from small hotels in a faded neighbourhood once frequented by Hollywood stars.

The gunbattle erupted Saturday night when soldiers received a tip about the presence of armed men at a gated house, said an army colonel who led the operation and spoke on condition of anonymity for security reasons.

The gunmen opened fire and hurled some 50 grenades at soldiers who arrived at the house, according to the colonel, who wore a ski mask as he led reporters through the scene.

Several gunmen tried to flee, but crashed their car into a Humvee blocking the gate. Armed men with grenades arrived in a car to reinforce the gunmen in the house, but they died in the shooting, the colonel said. Soldiers also found four Guerrero state police officers handcuffed in the garage of the house who said they had been captured. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drug wars

- It was unclear whether the gunmen belonged to one of drug cartels that have been fighting for turf in Guerrero state, home to Acapulco and the resort town of Zihuatanejo.

India **Prayer for families**

AJIT SOLANKI/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Married Hindu women tie thread around a banyan tree yesterday as part of a ritual on the occasion of Vat Savitri festival in Ahmadabad, India. On this day, women fast and worship at the banyan tree to pray for the growth and strength of their families, and newly married women traditionally tie threads around it.

Klansman's conviction upheld in 1964 kidnappings

JACKSON A reputed Ku Klux Klansman will remain in prison after a federal appeals court ruled Friday that his conviction shouldn't have been thrown out in the kidnappings of two black teenagers who were slain in 1964.

James Ford Seale, 73, was found guilty in June 2007 of abducting the teens who officials said were beaten, weighted down and thrown, possibly still alive, into a Mississippi River backwater in 1964.

The development is significant not only because it will keep Seale behind bars, but that federal prosecutors will continue to have kidnapping charges as an option in current investigations into civil rights crimes of the 1960. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More violence possible, warns man charged in Tiller shooting

KANSAS The man charged in the shooting death of abortion provider Dr. George Tiller warned yesterday more violence is possible.

Scott Roeder, being held on charges of first-degree murder and aggravated assault in Tiller's killing one week ago, called The Associated Press from the Sedgwick County jail.

Tiller, whose Wichita clinic was among only a few in the U.S. performing third-trimester abortions, was shot while serving as an usher at the Lutheran church he attended.

"I know there are many other similar events planned around the country as long as abortion remains legal," Roeder said.

He would not elaborate.

Tiller's clinic in Wichita had been a target of regular protests. Most were peaceful, but his clinic was bombed in 1986 and he was shot in both arms in 1993. A funeral was held Saturday for Tiller. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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No rhyme nor reason

HineSight

The other day I heard an appalling statistic. Brace yourself. Fewer Canadians regularly read poetry than regularly dust their ceiling fans. I was shocked. I had no idea we were supposed to dust ceiling fans. I thought they just turned around and the dust fell off.

Anyway, it occurred to me that maybe what's keeping Canadians from wanting to read or write poetry is that we don't know much about it. That, and not enough words rhyme with "hockey."

So, I present:

The HineSight Poetry Primer.

1) What is a poem?

A poem is an attempt to describe feelings and ideas in the fewest words possible. This is why men make particularly good poets.

Her: I feel like we're in a totally committed, together, "Barack and Michelle" kind of place right now, don't you?

Him: Um ... What?

Of course, this is not exactly a poem, but a man writing a poem about this might pen:

Him: When she talks, I do not hear. I am thinking about beer.

2) Do poems have to rhyme?

This is the most commonly asked question about poetry. That and, "How come the Griffin Prize never goes to someone who puts limericks on washroom walls? Now that's poetry."

In the last century, there has been a

Sunny Side

preference for writing poetry that doesn't rhyme. The correct term for this is "sheer laziness."

After all, it's not like these people write more than 15 lines at most. We might not expect a novelist to rhyme everything, although there's no reason Moby Dick couldn't have begun "Call me Ishmael/I'm hunting a big whale."

But, after the first 600 pages of an Ann Marie McDonald novel, rhyming might become tedious: "Things are bad here in Cape Breton/They'd all quit but the boss won't let 'em." Poets who won't rhyme are, frankly, just slackers.

3) What is meant by "poetic ambiguity."

This is a device of having two equally true meanings for one phrase.

For example, my recent opus, Ode To Viking Boat Rowing, contains the lines, "I'm tired and sweaty and my muscles are shot/On top of that, my butt is hot."

This can mean either, "I have a very nice looking rear end," or "I won't be able to sit down tomorrow."

Finally ...

4) Why write poetry at all?

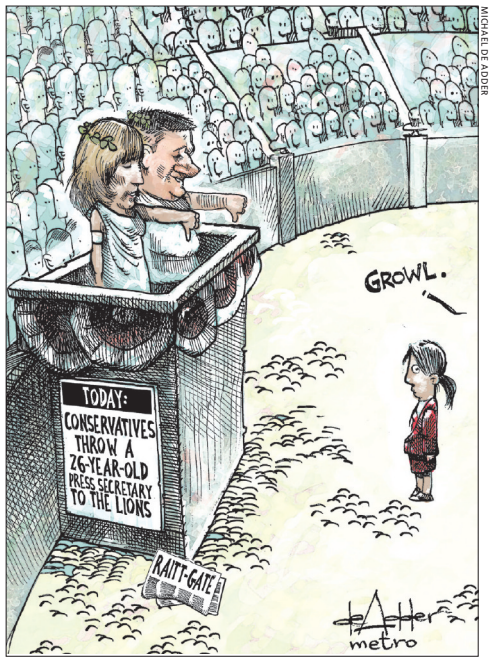
Imagine, "Work today is toil and trouble/Fetch me a latte on the double."

Or, simply, "If you're late/forget our date."

It's not just life. It's poetry.

Note: The 22nd annual Trillium Book Award will be presented in Toronto on June 15.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.



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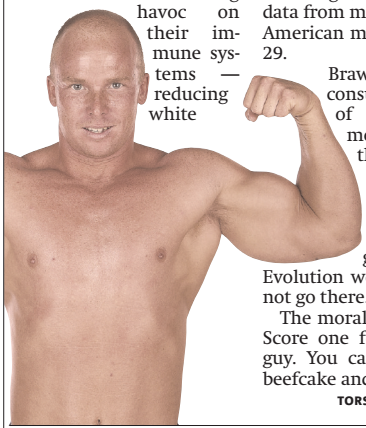
Worth mentioning

You can't have your beefcake and eat it, too

Just in time for beach season, a new study points out the evolutionary pitfalls of being too buff.

While muscular men have more sex than their less-lean brethren, all that testosterone is wreaking havoc on their immune systems — reducing white blood cell counts and their odds of beating infections.

"Generally, as muscle mass increases, the measures of immune functions decrease," said William Lassek of the University of Pittsburgh, who analyzed data from more than 5,000 American men, aged 18 to 29.



Brawnier men also consumed upwards of 50 per cent more calories than women.

That may explain why men have to work hard to get ripped. Evolution would rather us not go there.

The moral of this study? Score one for the skinny guy. You can't have your beefcake and eat it, too.

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Views

Bottlenecks on Union Station platforms

InTransit

Last week I asked GO Train riders about the newest platforms at Union Station, located just outside the building's dingy "train shed."

Jacqueline Warmington of Oakville is one of many readers to reply. She's been coming into Toronto on GO for 23 years and writes, "I have arrived late for work on numerous occasions since they implemented track 27."

It takes some GO customers longer to get to the office if they arrive at Union's southernmost tracks, thanks to extra walking distance as well as narrow doorways that cause bottlenecks each morning.

The stairs down from the new platforms are wide enough for two people side-by-side, but the doors leading to them can fit only one at a time. When a train arrives, crowds clog the platform and file slowly through the exits.

Earlier this week I forwarded to GO Transit a number of reader emails complaining about the new platforms, which opened in May. It seems a few riders may be so delayed by lineups they have switched to earlier trains. These tracks are outside the station roof and overhead canopies cover only a portion of the platform, exposing waiting crowds to rain as they make their way slowly downstairs.

Quick tip

- For GO Train riders arriving at Union Station platforms 26 and 27, consider de-training at the west-end exits near Bay Street — crowding may be less.

These may be inconveniences, but there's also a danger that impatient customers will bolt across live tracks to reach alternate exits.

GO Transit replied at length to the reader emails — you can read it all on my blog at metronews.ca/edrass.

In a statement, GO spokesperson Vanessa Thomas reports the new platforms are a necessary part of renovating and expanding Union Station.

GO states the platforms are as large as they can be without removing tracks, and thereby train capacity. While pointing out that platforms 26 and 27 have more stairwells than some older parts of the station, Thomas writes, "The width of the platform doors is narrow. The design is being reviewed to see if alternate solutions for wider doors or double doors can be developed at each stairwell."

After checking with the City of Toronto's building department on who oversees safety and design at the station, I am told inspectors will visit this week.

Check my blog for updates.

Toronto-based transport writer Ed Drass covers transit issues every Monday; transit@eddrass.com.

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Unemployment hits 11-year high

Canada's unemployment rate rose to an 11-year high of 8.4 per cent in May as the country lost 41,800 jobs, Statistics Canada said Friday. The jobless rate was up from eight per cent in April, when the country added about 36,000 jobs. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Business

Chrysler sale challenged

Three Indiana state pension and construction funds want the Supreme Court to block Chrysler's sale to Fiat so they can pursue an appeal in hopes of getting a better deal. They claim the deal unfairly favours the interests of Chrysler's unsecured stakeholders ahead of those of secured debtholders such as the funds. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Facilities needed for storing energy: Developer

POWER Developing large-scale energy storage facilities will be necessary if Ontario is serious about making wind, solar and other renewables a significant portion of the province's power mix, says one of Canada's largest power-system developers.

Brookfield Renewable Power Inc., a unit of Brookfield Asset Management Inc., is among private-sector developers hoping to build hydroelectric pumped storage facilities in Ontario.

"On paper it's a no-brainer, which is why we're pursuing this," said Stéphane Landry, senior vice-president of strategy and market development for Brookfield. He said Brookfield has looked at many sites in the province and has narrowed them down to a "handful" of feasible projects, which need to be larger than 300 megawatts and relatively close to existing and planned transmission corridors to be economical.

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Industries seek aid

Ottawa under pressure after auto bailout

Some of Canada's most powerful industries are urging Ottawa to provide financial aid, saying they shouldn't be ignored in the wake of the $10.5-billion auto sector bailout.

Both the forestry and fisheries industries have mounted campaigns to grab the government's attention, but their actions are being met with hesitancy from the feds as well as observers who say the auto bailout has set a dangerous precedent.

Industries around the country could now be aligned to make their own demands for major financial aid, using the auto bailout as a reference point. The argument is the automakers aren't the only ones in trouble.

Critics say a strong Canadian dollar — which has surged nearly 10 per cent in the past month — and the credit crunch have left many companies struggling to stay afloat.

"When the U.S. government is stepping in, and creating a massive advantage for American jobs, it's the (Canadian) government's job to step up to the plate."
Avrim Lazar

The forestry sector is headlining the campaign urging Prime Minister Stephen Harper to give more money to their faltering operations.

At first, the forestry sector avoided asking the government for significant financial help, but the industry changed its tune when the U.S. government shovelled massive subsidies, worth as much as $8 billion US, into American pulp companies under an assistance plan.

The Communication, Energy and Paperworkers Union estimates that an equivalent amount for Canada would be around $2 billion.

"When the U.S. government is stepping in, and creating a massive advantage for American jobs, it's the (Canadian) government's job to step up to the plate," said Avrim Lazar, chief executive officer of the Forest Products Association of Canada.

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Business in brief

WHEAT New life appears to be growing in the debate over genetically modified wheat after a coalition of Canadian, American and Australian farm groups recently reached an agreement on what they call "the goal of synchronized commercialization of biotech traits in our wheat crops." The Canadian groups say farmers in the country have seen wheat yields stagnate, and that wheat acreage in Canada is in danger of declining even more unless there is innovation in plant breeding.

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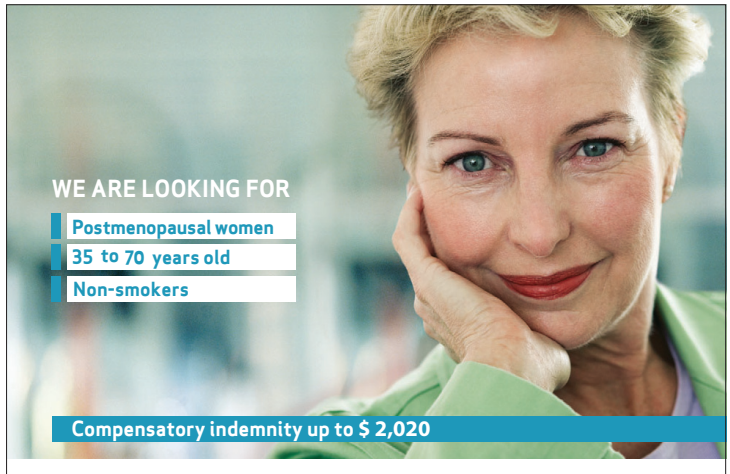

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Easy to eat local

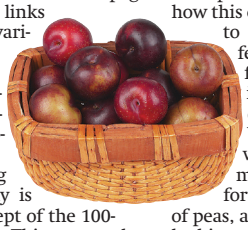
EarthTones

Think Globally, Eat Locally; Select Nova Scotia; Eat Local First; Good Things Grow In Ontario. Good slogans. Catchy. But why?

Eating local food is another potential way to reduce our carbon footprint. If vegetables travel from California to my table then, in addition to the energy used to grow them and cook them, we also have the fuel used to transport them across the continent on our conscience. This is one of the cornerstones of the "eat local" movement.

It is spring and the bounty of the Canadian growing season is about to, or has already started, depending on where you are. Here in southern Ontario the local asparagus and fiddlehead seasons are almost over. It is a good time to make a pledge to try to eat more local foods. If we start when local produce is plentiful then it will be easier to continue throughout the year.

How do we eat local? Local produce is often available in our local grocery stores. In most provinces local fruits and vegetables bear some kind of logo such as "Select Nova Scotia" or "Foodland Ontario" to let us know where they are from. Farmers' markets are an excellent way to eat locally and get the freshest produce available. To find a farmers' market near you, you can go to a website sponsored by Agriculture and Agri-foods Canada — www.farmersmarketscanada.ca. On the "links" page there are links to the various provincial farmers' markets associations.



Gaining popularity is the concept of the 100-mile diet. This means that all food consumed is grown within 100 miles of the consumer. It is generally accepted that a few exceptions can be made for things like spices and salt since only a small amount is used at any one time. What this means to us as Canadians is that we can't eat things like bananas and pineapples because they do not grow here. But we can start to enjoy the diversity of food grown locally. For example, until we really started to look, we had no idea so many varieties of apples were available. The same is true for potatoes. You haven't lived until you have eaten blue mashed potato! You hardly miss the tropical fruits once you start to experiment with new flavours. These "exotic" local varieties are often found at farmers' markets.

Of course, the most local food can get is when you grow it yourself. If you have the space and the know-how this can be a great way to save money and feel good about the food you are eating. This is not for everyone, though. We experimented with this last summer and for our efforts had a handful of peas, and a few scraggly-looking carrots. The rest fell victim to the local wildlife (mostly bunnies) and our poor weeding and thinning skills! So this year we'll leave it to the pros and support our local farmers' market.

Sophia Dore is an environmental scientist with Conestoga-Rovers & Associates. Andrew Laursen is an assistant professor at Ryerson University; earthtones.metro@gmail.com.

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Art works

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Diversity Our Strength

George Foreman wins debut

George Foreman III won his professional boxing debut, stopping Clyde Weaver at 1:16 of the first round Saturday night. Foreman, the 26-year-old son of two-time world heavyweight champion George Foreman, floored Weaver with a left hook to the chin. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Van Koeverden takes silver

Adam van Koeverden, left, and the doubles team of Gabriel Beauchesne-Sevigny and Andrew Russell captured silver medals yesterday to highlight a six-medal day for Canada at a paddling World Cup event in Hungary. Van Koeverden, from Oakville, was second in the men's kayak singles 500 metres to collect his fourth World Cup medal of the season. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Button takes Turkish GP

FORMULA ONE Brawn GP's Jenson Button won the Turkish Grand Prix yesterday for his sixth victory in seven Formula One races.

Button overtook pole sitter Sebastian Vettel on the first lap following a mistake by the Red Bull driver and held on for a 6.7-second win over Red Bull's Mark Webber.

Vettel, the first driver not to win from the pole in five races at Istanbul, finished third after opting for a three-stop strategy.

Button leads with 61 points. Teammate Rubens Barrichello, who retired after starting third, has 35 points. Vettel has 29 and Webber 27.5.

"(It's) the first race where the car has been absolutely perfect," Button said. "This car is just outrageous. Before this, I really believed the Red Bulls were on our pace, but today we were a step ahead."

Vettel may not get another chance for a second win this season.

"Maybe today was the first day that Jenson showed what he could do," the German driver said.

Yesterday's race replaced the Canadian Grand Prix on the schedule after the Montreal event was dropped from the F1's 2009 calendar last October due to financial troubles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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N.Y. Yankees 4 Tampa Bay 3
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TORONTO at Texas
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Long ball lifts Jays

MLB RESULTS

Kansas City 0 Toronto 4

Aaron Hill's two-run homer ended an 0-for-25 slide and backed ace Roy Halladay in his first shutout of the season as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Kansas City Royals 4-0 yesterday afternoon.

Lyle Overbay also went deep — off the restaurant in centrefield, to be exact — in running his hit streak to 13 games to help the Blue Jays (32-27) finish off their homestand at 5-4, steadying themselves after an 0-9 road trip. They look to work on their 11-17 road record today in Texas, where they open a four-game set against the AL-West leading Rangers.

Halladay (10-1) won't pitch in that series, but he made sure his team left town with the bullpen rested and another victory in the books. Coming off a career-high 133 pitches in a complete-game win over the Angels last Tuesday, he was in total control throughout his nine economical innings, seriously threatened only once.

That was in the seventh when the Royals (24-32), who fell to 6-21 since climbing a season-high seven games over .500 at 18-11 on May 7, loaded the bases with one out. Halladay then blew away Miguel Olivo on three pitches before Mitch Maier grounded out weakly to first on the first pitch to end the frame.

In all he struck out six, walked none and allowed just seven hits while throwing just 97 pitches to become the first 10-game winner in the majors.

The Blue Jays built their 4-0 advantage over the first three innings against Kyle Davies (2-6) before a crowd of 21,071. THE CANADIAN PRESS

DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Blue Jays first baseman Lyle Overbay, left, trots past Kansas City Royals pitcher Kyle Davies following his second-inning home run yesterday in Toronto's 4-0 win.

NHL bylaws cover worst-case scenarios

HOCKEY It's horrible to consider — a plane crash wipes out an entire NHL team — but the league has thought about it nonetheless.

That's why the league requires teams to have a $1-million (all figures US) insurance policy on each player, one of the provisos in the NHL bylaws made public over the weekend in court filings regarding the bankruptcy of the Phoenix Coyotes.

If a team is left with fewer than 14 players and one goaltender following some sort of catastrophe, the league sets in motion its Emergency Rehabilitation Plan.

First, the "disabled team" would be allowed to negotiate to buy players under contract from other teams, with payment coming from the insurance money.

If that didn't fill out the roster, a draft would be held, much like an expansion draft. Teams could protect 10 players and one goalie.

The disabled team would be allowed to take no more than one player from each of the other teams. The price for each player is $1 million in insurance money. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Other league bylaws

- Any league member who has "wilfully breached" the league's constitution, bylaws, rules or collective bargaining agreement can be fined $1 million.
- Team officials face a $150,000 fine for making "detrimental" comments regarding expansion.
- Team officials face a $250,000 fine for publicly disclosing the league's position on collective bargaining with the players' union.
- Teams face a $1-million fine for offering bonus money to players outside their contracts.
- Any member of a team who conspires to lose can be fined, suspended or expelled from the league.
- Betting on hockey by players, officials, team executives and league staff is prohibited.

Depth drives Detroit's playoff run

Stanley Cup
2009 **Final**

NHL With one more victory, the bruised and battered Detroit Red Wings will be Stanley Cup champions for a second year in a row.

It could come exactly as it did a year ago, in Game 6 of the final at Mellon Arena in Pittsburgh, although Wings forward Dan Cleary warned it is no lock despite Detroit's total domination of Game 5 — a 5-0 victory at Joe Louis Arena Saturday night.

"When you close out a team it's not easy," Cleary said yesterday. "You're taking away someone's dreams, what they live for, and it's not an easy thing to do.

"You're taking away someone's dreams ... and it's not an easy thing to do." Dan Cleary, Red Wings

"It's all the will and determination and how badly you want it."

Detroit leads the best-of-seven final 3-2 going into Game 6 tomorrow night in Pittsburgh.

For the Red Wings to be in that position is remarkable, given the injuries to key players they have endured since their playoff run began on April 16.

They have been without defenceman Andreas Lilja with a concussion for the entire post-season.

And along the way they went without defenceman Brian Rafalski for five games with an upper body injury in the second round against Anaheim, centre Kris Draper for 15 games in two stretches, defenceman Jonathan Ericsson for Game 7 of the Western final against Chicago after an appendectomy, and captain Nik Lidstrom for the final two games against the Blackhawks with a suspected groin injury.

Perhaps worst of all was losing two-way forward and Hart Trophy candidate Pavel Datsyuk for the final three games against Chicago and the first four games of the final with a foot injury. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Strong finish takes State Farm Classic

In-Kyung Kim finished with a flourish yesterday, sinking birdies on two of her final three holes to capture the LPGA's State Farm Classic by a stroke over Hall of Famer Se Ri Pak. Kim fired a 7-under 65 yesterday to finish at 17-under. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Roger Federer lifts the trophy yesterday as he celebrates his win over Robin Soderling in the men's final at the French Open.

Federer wins French Open

Oh, how Roger Federer savoured every moment with his first French Open trophy.

He raised it overhead. He cradled it in the crook of his elbow. He closed his eyes and kissed it. He examined the names of other champions etched on its base. Even in a downpour on Court Philippe Chatrier, as heavy, grey clouds blocked any shred of sunlight yesterday, that silver trophy sure seemed to glisten.

Finally, the lone major championship that had eluded Federer was his. With his latest masterful performance, Federer tied Pete Sampras' record of 14 major singles titles and became the sixth man to complete a career Grand Slam.

History was at stake, and Federer was at his best, completely outplaying No. 23-seeded Robin Soderling of Sweden en route to a 6-1, 7-6 (1), 6-4 victory in a French Open final that lacked suspense, but not significance.

"Maybe my greatest victory — or certainly the one that takes the most pressure off my shoulders," Federer said in French, moments after dropping to his knees, caking them with clay, as his 127 mph service winner ended the match. "I think that now, and until the end of my career, I can really play with my mind at peace and no longer hear that I've never won at Roland Garros."

Federer came heartbreakingly close in the past, losing the previous three French Open finals, so there certainly was something poetic about his tying Sampras' Grand Slam mark at this particular tournament, on this particular court.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLS game less than beautiful when top players are away

JustSoccer

Ben Rycroft

metronews.ca/justsoccer

The clock is ticking and we are now just 367 days away from the start of the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa. For soccer fans, it is the culmination of everything that is good in the game they love.

For one month, the world stands still and watches as heroes are born and losers are, well, in some cases, shot.

Much of the discussion in the last year has centred on whether South Africa will be ready in time.

After years of worker strikes and stadium funding concerns, it does appear now that South Africa will, indeed, be ready come June 10, 2010.

But, and it might seem like a strange question, will MLS be ready for 2010?

Last summer, we were witness to how underprepared MLS is when it comes to FIFA dates. Teams were gutted as players headed off to compete for their country in World Cup qualifying. Few provisions were made to accommodate those teams that were going to be hit hard and the MLS schedule continued on as though nothing else were happening.

This past weekend, on a FIFA qualifying date, nearly every other league in the world was on hiatus or had finished its season.

MLS? Well, it continued on pretending as though nothing had happened.

Meanwhile, nearly every team in the league was missing one key player of another. Toronto FC was missing Amado Guevara and Marvell Wynne. Their opponent, the LA Galaxy, was missing Landon Donovan (their leading scorer) — not to mention David Beckham (I say, not to mention, because he is not worth mentioning.)

Upsets were had, outcomes were affected and overall, with a worse product on the pitch, the league and its fans were the big loser.

And next year, when the whole world stands still to watch the beautiful game at its best, the MLS will keep on playing. MLS needs to find a way to get on the FIFA calendar and stop league games for weekends like this; otherwise fans will continue to be treated to Minor League Soccer. And there is nothing beautiful about that.

FIFA dates

- A FIFA date is a fixed date on the soccer calendar on which leagues associated with FIFA — soccer's governing body — generally do not schedule regular games in order to accommodate demand for players at international fixtures.

Watch Ben Rycroft on the It's Called Football show every Monday at metronews.ca; ben.rycroft@metronews.ca.

Tiger storms back to win by four

GOLF Tiger Woods won the Memorial yesterday, breaking out of a four-way tie with birdies on his last two holes for a 7-under 65 and a one-shot victory in his final tournament before the U.S. Open.

Woods overcame a four-shot deficit to become a four-time champion at Jack Nicklaus' tournament.

He took the lead with a nine-foot birdie on the 17th, then wrapped up his second victory this year with a 7-iron that stopped a foot from the hole for a tap-in birdie.

Woods hit every fairway in the final round and missed only seven fairways at Muirfield Village, his most accurate week since the 1998 Masters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in brief

YANKEES Mariano Rivera bounced back from a poor outing against Tampa Bay, and the New York Yankees rallied for three runs in the eighth inning of a 4-3 victory yesterday over the Rays. Nick Swisher hit the 100th home run at the new Yankee Stadium, helping Joe Girardi earn his 200th win as a manager. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Health care in the form of a needle

Head to **Toe**

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

Acupuncture builds a bridge between modern and traditional medicine; Dr. Steven Aung, a sixth-generation practitioner of traditional Chinese medicine and a fully trained medical doctor, crosses it regularly.

The University of Alberta medical professor offers both treatments out of his Edmonton office. He learned acupuncture from his grandfather. "He said to me that we have to be also trained in Western medicine so that we can integrate the two medicines to use the best out of both," Aung explains. "We try to lighten up all the darkness which is called disease and disorder."

Unlike modern medicine, acupuncture is not easily tested by double-blind techniques, Aung says. Its effectiveness is "evidence based" — how patients respond to treatment. It's about self-healing, he says, returning the body to a healthy state. "You are able to re-adjust the whole physiology of internal organs."

Dr. Steven Aung combines western medicine with acupuncture.

In China, Aung says it's explained by "chi" energy flowing over the skin. The chi is disrupted, causing pain, and acupuncture unblocks the energy. "In Western medicine, they don't believe in this, so they go by 'influence circulation' and 'influence general well-being,'" Aung explains.

The doctor, who received the Order of Canada in 2005, says he uses whichever tool will be more helpful. "You have to look at a person as a whole, rather than just a part of a body. In Western medicine, we have a lot of compartmentalization."

The Alberta College of Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine offers a three-year diploma. "The prerequisites aren't that heavy; high school maths and sciences," Dr. Dennis Lee says. "You learn all your points, how to use them, how to needle and how to treat a broad range of conditions.

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It's perfectly legal for unlicensed people to offer acupuncture, but Lee says for the best care, you'll want to make sure they've passed the government test.

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A rodeo clown to monster truck MC

OddJobs

Diane Peters

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As soon as he learned how to walk, Joe Scully was given a lasso, and practised roping a bale of hay. When he got older, he started roping real calves in rodeos.

The cowboy-oriented competitions are a passion of his father's, so Scully grew up around bulls, broncos and steers.

At 15, his dad landed him an unusual summer job: Rodeo clown. "You've got to be joking!" Scully responded.

But he did it anyway: Dressed up in loose cowboy clothes and a grease-painted face, Scully would perform some high jinks in the ring and banter with the MC between acts. He worked for a company that toured around Ontario doing performances on weekends.

He got pretty good at it. His summer job until age 20, Scully developed numerous skits and props — pretending to be a paramedic, driving a clown car — and adored talking over the mic to the crowd.

Thinking he'd like to make this his long-term career, Scully looked for a college program that suited his goal. He found radio broadcasting at Conestoga College in Kitchener, Ont., which was not far from his family's farm.

School led to DJ work and eventually a job in radio sales. The rodeo company called sometimes, asking him to clown, but he kept turning them down. "But if you need an announcer, I might be interested in that."

Finally, six years ago, he was asked to MC for the spring-to-fall rodeo season. The first two shows did not go well. The rodeo clown refused to banter with Scully — a key part of the job. "I thought I'd be cut." Nope: The rodeo fired the clown and Scully went on to have a great first season calling rodeos on weekends and selling ads for radio during the week.

Now Scully, who's 30 and lives in Erin, Ont., has his MC routine perfected and does about 30 shows a year.

Thanks to word-of-mouth, plus a few awards, Scully now gets works in the United States and Canada, plus he's started calling for Monster Jam (which runs monster truck shows).

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The Lowdown

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Lofty dreams
Seventeen-year-old Eric Yam, the Toronto student who won the NASA/NSS Space Settlement Design Competition and was featured in Metro's Workology section recently, was recently given his award by the second man on the moon, Buzz Aldrin. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sun, surf and the cell

Out of sight doesn't necessarily mean out of mind for vacationing executives, a new survey shows. Sixty-one per cent of marketing and advertising executives polled recently said they check in with work at least once a day while on break. This compares to 47 per cent of executives in 2006 and 38 per cent in 2001.

The national study, developed by The Creative Group, was based on 250 telephone interviews the United States' 2,000 largest companies.

Advertising and marketing executives were asked, "How often do you check in with work while on vacation?"

"For better or worse, technology has made it easier for professionals to check in with the office from just about anywhere," said Megan Slabinski, executive director of The Creative Group. "While periodic updates may provide peace of mind, being overly connected can detract from the benefits of time spent away from work."

Slabinski noted that careful planning can help employees disengage while on holiday. "Professionals should prepare for their vacation as if they won't be available, rather than planning to check in," said Slabinski.

The Creative Group offers these tips:

- **Put someone on point.** Managers should select someone whose judgment they trust to make decisions in their absence. It's important to give the point person the responsibility and authority to make judgment calls.
- **Establish ground rules.** If you need to check in, set specific times when you'll be checking in, rather than having people contact you throughout the day.
- **Don't leave them hanging.** Use out-of-office functions to let your clients and customers know when you're away, and provide the names and contact information of colleagues to contact in your absence.
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Slumdog memoir

She's only nine, but Rubina Ali has already starred in Slumdog Millionaire, which won eight Oscars. So now she's writing a memoir. The book — to be released in the July — will chronicle her story of growing up in the Mumbai slums. USMAGAZINE.COM

Entertainment

Full House

The Tanner family — coming to a big screen near you? John Stamos, who played Uncle Jesse on Full House from 1987 to 1995, says he's "working on a movie idea" based on the TV show. USMAGAZINE.COM

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Colbert Bob Hoping it for troops in Iraq

Stephen Colbert will broadcast four shows next week from Baghdad, where he says he'll be Bob Hoping it for the troops.

Colbert arrived at the former Al Faw Palace at Camp Victory on Friday. For weeks, he's promoted the trip on Comedy Central's The Colbert Report, but because the military urged caution, he has only trumpeted a vague trip to "the Persian Gulf."

The series of shows, each to be taped in front of an audience of about 450 troops, have been dubbed Operation Iraqi Stephen: Going Commando. It's the first time anyone has broadcast from Iraq for a USO tour.

Though Colbert has often infused his mock pundit character into real events — the 2008 election, the 2006 White House Correspondents' Association dinner — his Iraq trip isn't a parody.

Both the character Colbert (silent "t") and the real Colbert (pronounced "t"), a Catholic family man, are ardent supporters of the troops. He has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Yellow Ribbon Fund (a charity that assists injured service members), and he's a board member of DonorsChoose.org, which is raising money for the education of children of parents in the military.

"Sometimes my character and I agree," Colbert said. "My character and I both know the Apostles' Creed and my character and I both think it's a shame that we're not talking about the troops anymore."

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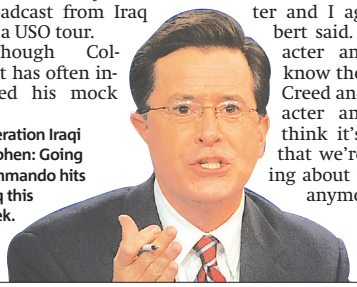

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Operation Iraqi Stephen: Going Commando hits Iraq this week.

Weekend box office

1. **Up:** $44.2 million US
2. **The Hangover:** $43.3 million
3. **Land of the Lost:** $19.5 million
4. **Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian:** $14.7 million
5. **Star Trek:** $8.4 million
6. **Terminator Salvation:** $8.2 million
7. **Drag Me to Hell:** $7.3 million
8. **Angels & Demons:** $6.5 million
9. **My Life in Ruins:** $3.2 million
10. **Dance Flick:** $2 million

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New Moon rising

Metro goes behind the scenes on set of the Twilight sequel

TALIA SOGHOMONIAN
Metro World News

The clouds are low, the sky is grey and moody. It's a perfect day for the vampires to come out — or at least the cast and crew of New Moon, the follow-up to last year's hit film Twilight.

Young fans surrounding Burnaby Park in Vancouver are the borderline between the real world and the one conjured up by Stephenie Meyer, author of the popular Twilight book series.

Within the lush emerald landscape, Hollywood is hard at work. While caterers are preparing snacks and warm drinks for the 80 teenage extras, director Chris Weitz is preparing to film the first sequence of the day. "Action!" he finally yells, and another long day of shooting begins.

As the extras disperse and pretend to be heading toward the makeshift school building, Kristen Stewart, reprising her role as Bella, is greeted by her four best friends singing her happy birthday as she gets out of her truck.

"Cut! Let's do it again!" yells Weitz. After shooting the scene three times, the director asks for one more, "just for safety." And it's in the can. The enormous crew huddles around, preparing for the next sequence.

This time, Taylor Lautner joins Stewart on set. This scene is crucial — and so is Lautner's character, Jacob, in this second instalment in the series.

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Fans will have to wait until the November release of New Moon, the sequel to hit vampire movie Twilight, to find out what happens to characters played by Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson.

In Twilight, he was Bella's friend and a shoulder to cry on; in New Moon, with her love Edward gone away, the two become closer and he reveals some surprising facets of himself, including supernatural powers and a very muscular body for which the actor trained for months.

This is the first in Metro's five part look at New Moon. Tomorrow we chat with actor Taylor Lautner.

Ready? Action! Jacob fastens a necklace on Bella. "It catches bad dreams," he tells her. But Bella only dreams of Edward, played by Robert Pattinson. The British actor is leaning nearby on a car, a figment of Bella's imagination. She is continually haunted by memories of this impossible love.

As the cameras roll for the third take, Lautner forgets his lines. "Sorry, I'm totally lost," he laughs. "Cut, reset!" orders Weitz.

The cast had a 5 a.m. wake-up call. Lautner outdoes himself in the fourth take. "That was my favourite!" enthuses the director.

The heavy atmosphere of the Vancouver weather seems to temporarily lift as lunch break is declared. Even vampires get hungry, and Pattinson joins us for a quick bite and chat. In full vampirical make-up and sporting yellow contact lenses, we almost expect him to bite us instead of his food.

His role is minimal in New Moon, yet crucial nevertheless, as we see in the next sequence.

Stewart, standing on a platform to reach up to the tall actor, leans in for a kiss. Is it real or is Bella's imagination playing tricks on her again? Fans will have to wait until the movie's November release to find out.

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Lori Petty faces DUI charges
Actress Lori Petty is facing two drunken driving charges. A spokesman for the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office says the 45-year-old Tank Girl actress was arrested after allegedly hitting a skateboarder with her car in the city's Venice Beach area. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pelham 'not a remake'

Washington plays average Joe in thriller

Movie **feature**

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Denzel Washington isn't big on labels. For instance, his latest film, The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3, isn't a remake of the 1974 Walter Matthau subway caper.

"I don't think it's a remake. It's a story of a hostage situation on a train in New York City. That's what the two films have in common," Washington insists. "I don't know why anyone would remake a film."

Another label Washington isn't fond of is leading man. In fact, he bristles at the mention of it. "That's something somebody calls you when you're doing press junkets," he insists. "I'm not a leading man; I'm an actor."

And as an actor, what he liked most about Pelham was the chance to play something besides another cop or FBI agent. "I was concerned about Inside Man, where I was a cop and a hostage negotiator," he explains. "I liked the idea that he was an ordinary guy in extraordinary circumstances."

In fact, preparation for playing an average MTA worker was a breeze. "I just ate a lot and kept getting smaller and smaller sweaters," he jokes.

The movie also gave Washington a chance to go head to head with John Travolta — only they initially had to keep their distance from each other.

Denzel Washington plays a transit worker in the middle of a hostage crisis in Taking of Pelham 1 2 3.

"For the first seven or eight weeks, we didn't shoot any scenes together on-camera, but we were developing a relationship through the microphone."
Denzel Washington about John Travolta

"For the first seven or eight weeks, we didn't shoot any scenes together on-camera, but we were developing a relationship through the microphone," Washington explains.

"It's like an old courtship, over the phone. You get to know a person. We'd sing songs and tell jokes, singing Broadway tunes."

The downside of that set-up for Washington was that they filmed his scenes first, giving Travolta a distinct advantage. "He had the luxury of practising because I was on camera first," he says. "He had a chance to work on his part, to develop it."

As a native New Yorker, shooting on the subway was something of a homecoming for Washington, who admits he used to goof off as a kid, sneaking down the tunnels a bit from the platform, but never too far.

But for this film, he got to venture much farther, seeing a side of the city few get a chance to. Though, there's plenty to see on subway itself, as Washington remembers from his youth.

"If you could do it on the subway, I've seen it," he says. "From robbery to parenting."

• The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3 opens in theatres this week.

Away We Go in search of home

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

FEATURE Away We Go brings together a group of people from different corners of the entertainment world to tell the story of a young couple searching for a home for their impending family.

Starring as the central couple are John Krasinski, from TV's The Office, and Maya Rudolph, best known as a chameleon on Saturday Night Live. At the helm is Oscar-winning director Sam Mendes, fresh off directing the much more dour Revolutionary Road.

Away We Go opens in theatres Friday

While a much different movie, Mendes sees Away We Go as a companion piece to Revolutionary Road, as the other side of the same coin. "It was a wonderful tonic after the darkness of Revolutionary Road, to be able to flip and do something completely different," Mendes explains.

"Revolutionary Road is about the mechanics of a couple facing each other. It's about the relationship itself. This treats the couple as a unit," he says. "I've never done two movies that are at opposite ends of the same spectrum."

Krasinski previously worked with Mendes, playing a small role in Jarhead, and the chance to work with the director again was too good to pass up. Their history together made Mendes think of Krasinski immediately upon reading the script for Away We Go. But the idea of casting Rudolph didn't come as quickly.

Luckily for the actress, screenwriters Dave Eggers and Vendela Vida had supposedly created the part with her in mind.

"Someone told me about the script," Rudolph remembers. "They said Dave and Vendela had me in mind when they wrote it. I didn't know if that information was true, but when I read it I just had to be a part of it. So I stalked them."

Maya Rudolph and John Krasinski star in Away We Go.

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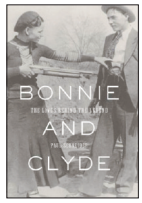
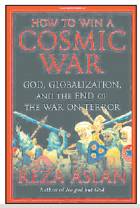


Bonnie and Clyde: The Lives Behind **the Legend**

Author: Paul Schneider
Publisher: Henry Holt
Price: $30.50 (Hardcover)

In this new non-fiction examination, author Paul Schneider probes the lives of the real-life depression-era outlaw lovers glamourized in the 1967 Arthur Penn film Bonnie and Clyde. Using primary-source interviews and thorough research, matched with previously classified FBI reports, Schneider tracks Bonnie and Clyde from the start of their criminal career together, as they continued to outwit authorities, until their sensational shoot-out deaths. Schneider tells the famed fugitives' story with a fast pace underscored by fact.

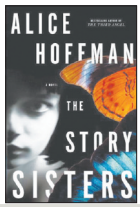


How to Win a **Cosmic War**

Author: Reza Aslan
Publisher: Random House
Price: $30 (Hardcover)

BookPicks

In a song by Kitchener, Ont., artist Danny Michel, he asks, "If God's on your side, then who's on mine?" That question mimics Reza Aslan's mindset in his new war critique. Aslan marks religion as the driving force behind cosmic war; that God supports a good side over the opposing evil one. But two sides in any cosmic war believe God's on their side, not the other, raising a conflict of faith. By providing international examples, Aslan concludes not fighting a cosmic war is the best route to victory.



The Story **Sisters**

Editor: Alice Hoffman
Publisher: Shaye Areheart Books
Price: $28.95 (Hardcover)

The Story Sisters follows close New York siblings Elv, Claire and Meg as they grow together and encounter the difficulties attached to coming-of-age. Eldest Elv has created a fictional fantasy world in her mind called Arnelle, which she half-convinces the others is a real, superior reality. But as Elv's belief increases, fuelled by drug-induced episodes, the sisters begin to grow apart. And their division only separates the trio more from their divorcée mother who raised them. When she develops terminal cancer, the familial relationship is put to the test, once and for all.

BRIAN COULTON/FOR METRO CANADA

ADVERTISING FEATURE

A Canadian company changes online dating forever

"what if there were a better kind of dating site, one that screens members, one that verifies the truthfulness of the information on people's profiles and one that punishes lying on your profile or posting fake photographs."

Alexander Ratz, one of the founders of Eligon.ca, says the idea came while overhearing a conversation between the management at his previous employment. A group of powerful women were sitting around a lunch table sharing horror stories of online dating, from married guys, to criminals; they all hoped for a change in the online dating world that would bring safety and security.

Thinking to himself "what if there were a better kind of dating site, one that screens members, one that verifies the truthfulness of the information on people's profiles and one that punishes lying on your profile or posting fake photographs." Alexander interviews and conversations about the subject, he realized that doctors, CEOs, lawyers and other wealthy people in managerial positions wanted, but were afraid to use, public dating websites where they could be seen by their employees, patients or clients.

"We understood that single people in top positions were looking for other single people of their status and level of education and had great difficulty using conventional methods.

Executives deserve romance too

The problem become even more evident for powerful women who were searching for someone who had attained an equal level of management and income, to avoid male ego problems," says Alexander, laughing.

A year later, after extensive research and development, Alexander and his partner established Eligon.ca, an exclusive and discrete online dating website for the professional elite.

For now the company only offers service in Ontario, with plans to go national by August 2009. Alexander says this population was neglected for a long time, leaving them to either risk their privacy on public dating websites or pay thousands of dollars to expensive a minimal selection of eligible singles to choose from. They've developed a unique screening and verification mechanism.

Every member that applies to eligon provides information about their education and employment, signs a legal agreement stating that all the information they've provided is true, and agrees to ID verification.

"We also realized that our target audience had different wants, habits and expectations from a dating platform - with an emphasis on security and privacy," says Alexander.

An example of Eligon's strict privacy practices is that members' profiles and information are only revealed to other registered members of the desired sex.

"We have carefully planned the environment differently from other dating websites, providing a more pleasant safety and overall better results achieved by our unique compatibility formula." This formula, developed with the help of a psychotherapist and a relationship counselor, consists of two parts: the first evaluates core beliefs and values that are a common source of conflict among married couples; and, the second is a computerization of traditional matchmaking practices providing a perfect hybrid of common sense, technology and experience, as they proudly state on their website.

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As if GM has any money ...
Lemonheads founder Evan Dando is suing General Motors, claiming the automaker violated his copyright on The Lemonheads song It's a Shame About Ray for an advertisement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

All in the funny family

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

In the 32 years he's maintained a daily diary, David Sedaris estimates he's only missed 40 days.

"It's not that my life is interesting. It just became a compulsion after a while," said the 52-year-old American author, humourist and NPR regular on the phone from his Albany, N.Y., hotel room. "Maybe tomorrow morning I'll realize that the loaded potato soup — that was a special of the day in the restaurant downstairs — wasn't really that important in the scheme of things."

Finding a kernel in even the most mundane of situations seems commonplace in Sedaris' writing. His latest collection of essays, When You Are Engulfed In Flames, contains autobiographical stories as apparently minute as keeping up with his fast-walking boyfriend Hugh, to the grandiose three-month trip he took to Tokyo to quit smoking.

"I figured, what if I go to Tokyo and it's not as hard to quit as I think? That way I'll still have all that stuff about Japan," he said. "(The story) wasn't full enough of information on Japan to work as an interesting Japanese story, and quitting smoking wasn't really that hard, so it didn't really work as a 'quitting smoking' story. So, I just kind of joined the two together."

Sedaris is also known to join humourous stories about his loved ones with his own musings, but said he feels the private tales are neither very candid nor written at the expense of his family.

"I feel like I write about my family with affection and that that comes through. My family sees that, so it's always interesting to me when others don't."

He gives the example of A Shiner Like a Diamond, a story from his 1997 anthology Me Talk Pretty One Day, in which he writes about his sister, Amy Sedaris, wearing the bottom half of a fat suit home for Christmas to spite their image-conscious father.

David Sedaris' latest collection of essays, When You Are Engulfed In Flames, contains autobiographical stories.

"I said in the story that Amy was the prettiest girl in my family," he said. "But, I have other sisters and people they know would say, 'I can't believe what your brother wrote! You're nice looking too!' It's something my family was fine with, but that people outside my family took as an insult."

Usually the butt of jokes by her own hand, Amy is a comedian too, best known for portraying the character Jerri Blank on her television series Strangers With Candy. But David was the catalyst for Amy's comedic potential, bringing her to Second City while living in Chicago before the pair relocated to New York.

"It was something that made sense for that moment in time, when our careers were just starting and we were all in New York living a few blocks from each other," he said. "It was one of the happiest times of my life. I don't know that I could repeat it."

Keep O.J locked up, lawyer says

COURTS O.J. Simpson poses a flight risk and shouldn't be allowed out of prison while the Nevada Supreme Court decides whether to overturn his conviction in an armed hotel room heist, a prosecutor said Friday.

"Criminal defendants are rarely, if ever, released from prison pending the appeal process," Clark County District Attorney David Roger said in a statement after filing documents late Thursday opposing bail. "Mr. Simpson is a convicted criminal who does not deserve preferential treatment," Roger said.

Simpson, 61, is serving nine to 33 years for kidnapping and assault with a deadly weapon in the gunpoint robbery of two sports memorabilia dealers in a Las Vegas hotel room in 2007. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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critics' corner

Friday the 13th Part 3
If you're jonesing for Jason, then go rent the 1980 original "Friday the 13th" instead of this limp sequel, made only two years later, before the producers found something different to do with the story line. This is basically same camp, same killer, different kids. 10:45 PM on PIX

Two and a Half Men
They grow up so fast. And with Charlie as an uncle, they grow up to be fast. Jake disappears with the daughter of Charlie's neighbor, forcing Charlie to cover his back in an effort to preserve the peace. Meanwhile, Alan scores a hot date, thanks in part to Charlie's Mercedes. Academy Award nominee Michael Clarke Duncan guest stars. 8:30 PM on CTV; 9 PM on CBS

How I Met Your Mother
Lily turn to Ted and Robin as she and Marshall weigh the life-changing pros and cons of having a baby, only to discover that her two friends have decidedly different points of view where parenthood is concerned in "Not a Father's Day." 8:30 PM on CBS E!

Seymour shoved?

A security guard has been charged with shoving former model Stephanie Seymour into a door at her home in Connecticut. Greenwich police said that they arrested the guard, 50-year-old Joseph Babnik of Carmel, N.Y., on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Little dose of darkness

Sopranos star returns as sharp-tongued Nurse Jackie

When it comes to portraying conflicted characters, Edie Falco's got the territory covered.

She's best known for her role as Carmela Soprano, the wife of a violent mob boss on The Sopranos. Before that, she played cigarette-smuggling prison guard Diane Whittlesey on the brutal prison drama Oz.

Now, Falco is returning to TV with yet another morally questionable character in Nurse Jackie, a pill-addicted ER nurse who will do just about anything to get through her chaotic shifts.

"There's a lot of stuff about her behaviour that I don't entirely understand, from an intellectual place," Falco says by phone from New York of the latest anti-hero to hit the small screen. "But from an emotional place it's easier to get to. I think she's very complicated."

"Quiet and mean, those are my people," Jackie tells an impressionable nursing student in the 30-minute series opener, airing today on The Movie Network in Eastern Canada and Movie Central in Wester Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Edie Falco plays a pill-addicted ER nurse in Nurse Jackie.

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Cyrus hates green veggies
Miley Cyrus hates green vegetables because they "look funny," femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 16-year-old Hannah Montana star refuses to eat the vitamin-enriched foods because she can't get her head around the "nasty" colour. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

FBI offers Thailand help in Carradine case

INVESTIGATION The FBI has offered its assistance to Thai authorities investigating Thursday's death of actor David Carradine, agency officials tell People.

After Carradine's half-brother, Keith Carradine, met Friday with FBI officials in Los Angeles, those officials contacted the FBI's legal attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok "to determine if the Thai authorities are requesting or would welcome FBI assistance in this matter," FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller tells People. She adds there is no word yet as to whether Thai authorities will invite the FBI to join their investigation.

The FBI has no jurisdiction in other countries, but occasionally offers assistance investigating the deaths of Americans when foul play is suspected or when the family requests such intervention.

Keith Carradine, 59, "wants authorities to investigate his brother's death, and to determine if anyone else was involved," says Keith Carradine's attorney, Mark Geragos, who arranged Friday's meeting with the FBI.

Geragos tells People that Keith and other family members are finding the grieving process even more difficult because they keep getting conflicting details regarding the condition of Carradine's body when it was discovered.

Thai police had confirmed that a maid found Carradine, 72, nude in the closet of his luxury suite with a rope tied around his neck and one around his genitals. "It is unclear whether he committed suicide or not," said police Lt. Gen. Worapong Chewprecha.

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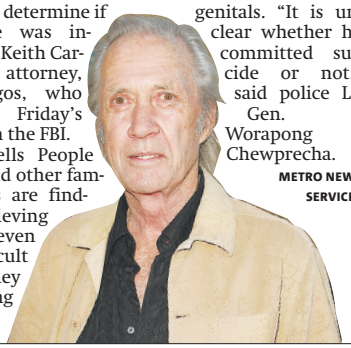

Fox rejects the big boys

NO CUPCAKE Megan Fox is used to lots of attention from guys, but she's been surprised by the behaviour of some well-established men in Hollywood.

"There are some guys, talking about actors who have been in the business for a while, who are very egocentric and have been able to sleep with a lot of girls for whatever reason, and because they don't know me they think I'm going to be this little cupcake, this Marilyn Monroe type who's going to bat my eyes and be like a receptacle for them," Fox tells British GQ.

But she says that a little public shaming usually does the trick. "I just shut them down immediately, right in front of people. It's been so long since someone has told them no, they don't really know how to deal with it."

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Gibson still wants DNA test

RELATIONSHIP Mel Gibson may seem happy with pregnant girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva, but he would still like the Russian singer to prove that her baby is his, according to the National Enquirer.

"Mel really loves Oksana, but he's a businessman, too. He really had no choice but to ask for a DNA test," a source says. "Mel doesn't believe that Oksana has been with anyone else, but after hearing misgivings from his children and friends, he decided he had no choice.

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Demi & Ashton may hire Boyle

STAR ACT Susan Boyle is fresh out of a mental health clinic in London, and she may already be looking at some high-profile gigs. Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher were reportedly considering hiring the Britain's Got Talent sensation to perform at their anniversary party.

"Demi and Ashton think Susan is absolutely brilliant, in a fantastically unique and kitsch way," a source tells the Mirror, adding that the couple is willing to fork over $42,000 US for the performance.

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Shields & Enquirer settle

DISPUTE Actress Brooke Shields has come to an agreement with the National Enquirer after alleging the tabloid checked her mother out of a New Jersey nursing home last month, people.com reports.

"Two weeks ago, Brooke Shields was forced to make a public disclosure about her mother, Teri Shields' health, when we learned that Mrs. Shields had been taken out of a care facility by a reporter and photographer working for the National Enquirer and I was told that the National Enquirer was going to print information about her condition and whereabouts," Shields' attorney, Gerald B. Lefcourt says in an exclusive statement to People.

"I am very pleased to report that (the) National Enquirer was prevailed upon not to publish a story. Further, it has or will be apologizing publicly. Finally, it has agreed to make a generous donation to further research on dementia and to encourage others to do so."

At the time of the incident, the actress said in a statement to People that she had been "alerted by Old Tappan Police that my mother had been signed out of the facility by two reporters of the National Enquirer."

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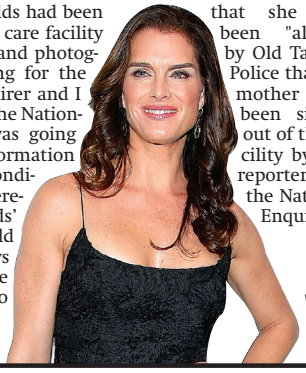

Ferrell goes to lengths to promote new movie

STRANGE EATS Funnyman Will Ferrell will go to great lengths to promote movies — he ate a raw reindeer eyeball as part of the press build up for his new film Land of the Lost, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Anchorman star agreed to spend two days with survival expert Bear Grylls in the frozen Swedish wilderness to promote his upcoming movie on the Brit's reality TV show Man Vs. Wild.

Ferrell learned how to make snowshoes from twigs and light a signal fire — but he could have done without the culinary delights of the trip.

He tells Entertainment Weekly, "I did eat the cornea of a reindeer. Bear cut out this little gelatinous disc from the eyeball and was like, 'Here, try this!'" Ferrell admits the taste and texture was disgusting.

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Brad and Angie sleeping apart?

COUPLE Things aren't going so great at home for Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, according to the Daily Mail. A source tells the newspaper that while the famous couple and their six kids are on the east coast so Jolie can film her new movie, Salt, she and Pitt have been sleeping in separate houses at opposite ends of their sprawling, rented 24-acre Long Island compound.

"Angelina spent most of her time in one of the annexes while Brad lived in the main house with its ten bedrooms," the source says.

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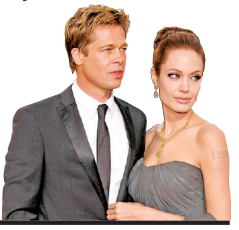

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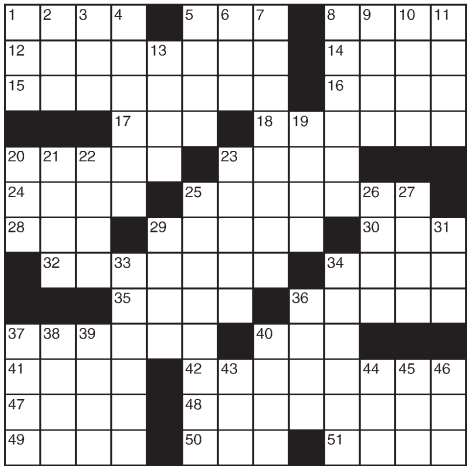

Crossword across

1 Mid-month date
5 Get on
8 Tranquil
12 Ships' warning noises
14 Solo by Sills
15 Time saver
16 Encounter
17 Monty Python opener
18 Type of monkey
20 String quartet member
23 Acerbic
24 — nitrate
25 Beauty contest, e.g.
28 Play on words
29 Wise ones
30 Dine
32 Frosty, for one
34 Long skirt
35 Knocks
36 Goosebump-inducing
37 Distance
40 Pismire
41 Neighborhood
42 Classical music lover
47 Carriage
48 Usual
49 Hotel furniture
50 Marble type
51 Needing crutches

Crossword down

1 Conditions
2 Homer's interjection
3 Id counterpart
4 Piercing
5 Curved lines
6 Wildebeest
7 Female hormone
8 Paparazzi's need
9 War god
10 Stead
11 Gymnasts' surfaces
13 Beetle Bailey dog
19 Colors
20 Upper limit
21 Ostriches' kin
22 Singer Loretta
23 Long stories
25 Brochure
26 Approach
27 Cab
29 Bat a gnat
31 Dead heat
33 Transplanted body parts
34 Kind of alcohol
36 MIT grad, maybe
37 Easter entree
38 Ontario neighbour
39 Require
40 From the top
43 Eggs
44 Oklahoma city
45 "— the Walrus"
46 Reuben bread

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	4		2				7	
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1	6	5	7	8	9	3	2	4
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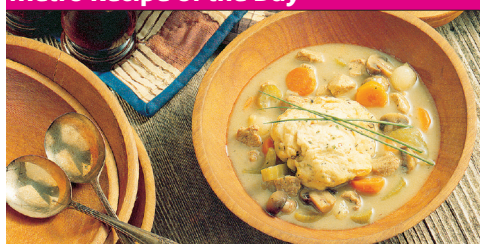

Veal Stew with Dumplings

STEW:

1 tbsp (15 ml) butter, margarine or olive oil
1 lb (500 g) boneless veal, pork or lamb, trimmed and cut into 3/4-in. (1.5-cm) cubes
1 clove garlic, minced
1/4 tsp (1 ml) black pepper
3 tbsp (45 ml) all-purpose flour
3 cups (750 ml) low-sodium chicken broth
2 cups (500 ml) sliced fresh mushrooms
2 medium-size carrots, sliced 1/2 inch thick
2 stalks celery, sliced 1/2 inch thick
1 cup (250 ml) frozen small whole onions
1 cup (250 ml) dry white wine or chicken broth
2 bay leaves
2 tsp (10 ml) dried thyme
1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
1/4 tsp (1 ml) ground nutmeg

DUMPLINGS:

3/4 cup (175 ml) all-purpose flour
1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped fresh chives or minced parsley
1 tsp (5 ml) baking powder
1/4 tsp (1 ml) black pepper
Dash salt
1/3 cup (75 ml) 1% milk
1 tbsp (15 ml) vegetable oil

METHOD:

1. For stew: In Dutch oven, melt butter over moderate heat. Add meat, garlic and 1/4 tsp (1 ml) pepper, and cook until meat is browned, 10 minutes.
2. Stir in 3 tbsp (45 ml) flour. Add broth, mushrooms, carrots, celery, onions, wine, bay leaves, thyme, 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt and nutmeg. Bring to boil. Lower heat and simmer, covered, 40 minutes.
3. In small bowl, combine 3/4 cup (175 ml) flour, chives, baking powder, 1/4 tsp (1 ml) pepper and dash of salt. In another small bowl, whisk milk and oil. Pour milk mixture into flour mixture. With fork, stir until mixed.
4. Drop batter into 4 mounds on top of bubbling stew. Simmer, covered, 10 minutes or until toothpicks inserted in centres come out clean (do not lift lid before 10 minutes cooking). Discard bay leaves.

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Be more selective about whom you associate with — and whom you are seen with. Otherwise, those who matter might think less of you.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You need to start off slow and build up momentum over time. That applies as much to romance as it does to your career.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You may have made a few mistakes but don't beat yourself up about them. The time for learning from what went before is over; now it's time for action.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Don't feel bad if someone points out your weaknesses today. You never claimed to be perfect so there is no need to feel guilty.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
No doubt you've had your fill of watching those of lesser abilities get ahead of you. Set your sights high over the next week and hustle your way to the top.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Today's Venus-Pluto link-up will encourage you to be more adventurous, especially where family and financial matters are concerned.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
There is a lot riding on the choices you make today, so don't rush them and don't make any silly and avoidable mistakes.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You're about to face a situation in which you must compromise. That may not be easy for you, but you won't get far without other people.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
It takes character to feel good about life through the bad times, but you have character in abundance, so today's little setback won't faze you at all.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
A super aspect between Venus and Pluto in your sign makes today one of the most dynamic, creative days of the year for you. Make big plans.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You may generally keep a tight hold on your emotions but you'll be expressive over the next few days. Let someone know how much you care.

PISCES ♓
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